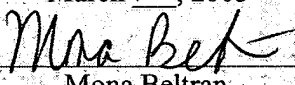


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the September 16, 2002 Office Action. Applicants file concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time and fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

Prior to the first Office Action on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

The **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

The **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 9 of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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